

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.
Yesterday's bank clearings were \$23,282,291. Deposits \$4,831,101. Local discount rates were between 5 and 6 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 100, premium bid, 60 premium asked; Chicago, 25, premium bid, 25 premium asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis, 100, discount bid, 100 asked. Wheat closed lower at 95 1/2; corn asked 100; soybean 100; No. 2 red, 100; No. 2 mixed, 100; No. 2 white, 100. Cotton was unchanged in the local market.

WASHINGTON.
The annual report of the Register of the Treasury shows that the national credit is practically entirely upheld by domestic money.

The State Department is advised that the Colombian Senate committee has reported a new canal bill instructing the President of the Republic either to approve or disapprove the extension of the Panama Company's concession. Indiana Republicans in Washington profess to be greatly alarmed for the political safety of Senator Beveridge, declaring that the Democratic victory in Indianapolis means he will have to fight hard to be re-elected.

France has been requested by the State Department to permit Consul Skinner, who is going to Abyssinia, to visit King Menelik, to land at Djibouti with arms and ammunition and prevent for the king.

The Government is officially advised of Portugal's intention to exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.
Jack Habbitt of North St. Louis married Miss Anna O'Leary.

The annual inspection and parade of the St. Louis Police Department will be held next Tuesday.

Cardinal Gibbons will celebrate requiem mass for Archbishop Kain Wednesday at Old Cathedral.

A big charivari was given for George E. Chamberlin and his bride.

Eight Baptist missionaries will conduct a service Sunday afternoon in Second Baptist Church.

A committee of the Business Men's League returned from a conference with Chairman Burton of the Congressional Committee on Rivers and Harbors. A nine-foot channel to Cairo is urged.

Franchise for St. Louis and Valley Park Railroad Company being considered by County Court at Clayton.

Frederick Pilgrim reached a runaway team in time to stop the horses and save his daughter, who was in the wagon.

Commissioner of Supplies Boyce and assistants are sampling supplies for city institutions.

Mike Schweigler of Cahokia, Ill., says that his nephew, George Schweigler, committed suicide after accidentally wounding himself.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ehrler of No. 1521 Benton street celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The Reverend Louis Bowerman says pure novels and fiction have a place in the home.

John Grant, superintendent of the Transit Company, was again fined in the First District Court for the action of his employees in not running a car through to the station.

The National Paint and Varnish Association adopted a uniform system for trade-mark and names. The convention will adjourn today.

Work began on the Grand View Fraternal Hotel on the south side of the Exposition grounds. It is to accommodate 5,000 people daily.

Josephine Tinsell and William Safford, who ran away from Chicago, were on the stage, were expelled by the St. Louis police. They may not prosecute Allen Stahland, who is charged with deceiving them out of the State.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.
Fourteen persons were injured in a railway accident at Cambridge, Mass.

The Tillman murder case at Lexington, S. C., is up to the hands of the jury, arguments having occupied two and one-half days.

Daniel Leroy Dresser testifies that Charles M. Schwab accused the United States Shipbuilding Company by withholding the profits of the Bethlehem Steel Works.

Several surprises appear in the trial of Miller and Johns in the postal-trust case at Cincinnati, among them a secret photograph of Miller with a woman, who was first confronted with the accusation of obtaining a bribe from John J. Ryan.

John E. Madden, 22-year-old, the "Minute Man," broke his leg in the first race at Brighton Beach and was shot.

Crosby was again high man yesterday in the Omaha Gun Club's tournament.

Excellent sport was furnished at the Friend, Neb., coursing meet.

SAYS INJURED BOY COMMITTED SUICIDE

Uncle Declares That George Schweigler, After Accident, Deliberately Shot Himself.

BEGS TO HAVE LIFE ENDED.

Alleges That Youth Fell Down River Bank With Gun, Which Exploded, Injuring His Leg.

After accidentally wounding himself with a shotgun, across the river from Alton, yesterday afternoon, George Schweigler, 20 years old, secured possession of a revolver and placing it against his temple, fired a shot that resulted fatally within a few minutes, according to the story told by Mike Schweigler, an uncle of the dead youth.

Schweigler rowed to Alton late in the afternoon in a skiff, bearing the body of his nephew. He claims the accident occurred while he and his nephew were hunting and fishing.

According to Schweigler, after hunting through the Alton Slough for several hours, it was decided to row across to Mobile Island, which is owned by Schweigler and his brother, George, the father of the dead boy, who lives in Cahokia, Ill.

His nephew, he says, was carrying the fishing traps down the bank and loading them into the skiff. The youth left the shotgun until the last and as he started down the bank he slipped and fell.

Schweigler says that he heard a report and a moment later George called to him that he had been wounded, and begged that he, Schweigler, shoot him and end his misery.

The elder Schweigler says that he called to George that he was coming to his assistance, but that before he could reach the boy, the latter had painfully struggled down to the skiff, raised himself over the edge, secured a revolver, and placing the weapon to his head, fired.

The uncle placed the dying boy into the skiff and started across the river to Alton. Before he had covered more than half the distance, the youth died.

Immediately upon landing at Alton, Schweigler notified the authorities and the boy was taken to the Alton undertaking establishment.

Deputy Coroner C. M. Strepper will hold an inquest to-day.

Schweigler told the Alton police that he had thrown the shotgun overboard, but that the revolver was still in the boat. The weapon was secured and will be retained by the police until after the inquest.

PAINT MEN ADOPT TRADE-MARK PLAN

Uniform Titles and Cans Approved by Association, Which Adjourns To-Day.

The largest and most successful convention in the history of the National Paint, Oil and Varnish Association will adjourn this morning. But one session was held yesterday, the remainder of the day being spent in sight-seeing.

A system was adopted for registering titles and trade-marks, and the resolution will be circulated among the paint trade all over the country.

Titles and trade-marks for different points and colors are so numerous that often a manufacturer adopts the trade-mark of another firm, not knowing that it is in existence.

A resolution was also adopted, looking to the regulation of the sizes of paint cans. At present cans of all sizes are made in many shapes. There are eighteen different shapes in use for one-gallon cans. It is claimed that it would be much more convenient if all cans were of a standard size.

A resolution recommending the placing of an outside valve on all oil tank cars was also adopted. These cars at the present time have valves which are controlled from the inside, and often half a tank of oil is wasted in locating this valve.

In a resolution referred to the Transportation Committee it was recommended that the trade agents get in line and appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission for better conditions regarding the delivery of freight, and enable merchants whose freight is delayed beyond a reasonable time to recover damages from the railroads.

The members of the association were the guests of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company. They left the Southern Hotel shortly after noon, and were taken to the World's Fair grounds in special cars. There they took carriages and were driven over the grounds.

On the steps of the Administration building was addressed by President Francis Charles B. Field of Chicago. Responding, luncheon was served at the Forest Park Cottage.

Last night a reception was given in honor of the guests at the Union Club.

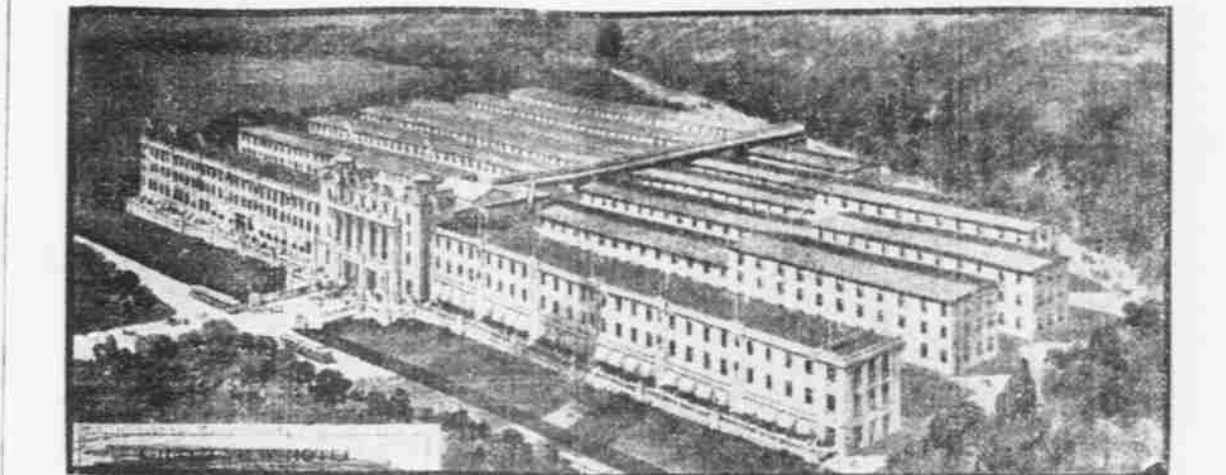
This morning the last business session of the convention will be held. The place of the next convention will be decided.

This afternoon the members of the convention will be the guests of the St. Louis representatives of the association on the steamer Cape Girardeau, the flagship of the Eagle Packet Company's fleet. The boat will leave at 2 o'clock and will run from the waterworks to Carondelet.

In the evening a banquet in honor of the visitors will be given at the Southern Hotel.

General Spaulding Arrives.
General O. L. Spaulding, who is in charge of the customs department of the World's Fair, arrived in St. Louis from Washington last night. General Spaulding is here to confer with World's Fair officials with regard to the recent customs orders of the Government allowing free import of materials consigned to the Exposition. General Spaulding was formerly First Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

WORK BEGINS ON IMMENSE FRATERNAL HOTEL TO ACCOMMODATE 5,000 DAILY DURING FAIR.



GRAND VIEW FRATERNAL HOTEL. It will be located on the south side of the Exposition grounds at Clayton and Skinker roads.

Contracts have been let for the construction of the Grand View Fraternal Hotel at Skinker and Clayton roads, facing the south side of the World's Fair grounds.

The hotel, one of the temporary structures, will contain more than 2,000 rooms and is expected to accommodate 4,000 guests without crowding.

Grading for the building began this week.

The contractors are Thompson & Co., who built the Manufacturers' Education and other Exposition buildings. The hotel will be built on a site of 10 acres.

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In addition to an immense dining room, special apartments for quick-change artists have been provided. The ground floor will be divided into three sections: a restaurant, a bar, and a day room where children will be cared for while their parents visit the Exposition.

The walls of the entire building, inside and out, will be finished with white tile, and the floor will be made of polished stone. The hotel will be a model of modern architecture.

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CONTRACTS FOR ANOTHER HOTEL WITH 2,300 ROOMS.

Barnett, Hays & Barnett, architects, yesterday announced that work on the Hotel Napoleon Bonaparte, which is to contain 2,300 rooms and accommodate 3,000 guests daily, will commence in a few days.

This is to be one of the half dozen or more immense temporary hotels in the vicinity of the World's Fair grounds. It will stand 120 feet above the Exposition line and 120 feet from Skinker road.

The promoters are located on Irving to additional feet on the west, in which event the capacity of the house would be increased to 4,000 guests.

The Cook Hotel and Excursion Company, noted for such enterprises, is backing the venture. William W. Cook and Charles M. Hill being the officers of the company.

Contracts have been let for the James Stewart Construction Company, who will build the hotel in good time for the opening of the World's Fair. The cost will be about \$1,000,000, and the structure will resemble an exposition building.

The appointments planned are expected to be the best of the kind, and the hotel will be a landmark on the south side of the Exposition grounds.

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CATARRH THE CAUSE OF MOST KIDNEY DISEASES.



FRED R. PENNELL. A Prominent Pianist Went to Hot Springs for Kidney Trouble, but Peruna Cured Him.

Fred R. Pennell, Pianist, Grand Opera House, Hot Springs, Ark., writes: "Two years ago I came to Hot Springs to take the baths and be treated for bladder and kidney trouble. After spending two months here under the care of one of the most prominent physicians and receiving little or no benefit, I was persuaded to try Peruna. I had little faith in it, but after using one bottle I noticed a marked improvement. Three bottles entirely cured me. I can cheerfully recommend Peruna to any one afflicted as I was."—Fred R. Pennell.

Catarrh of the Kidneys a Common Disease — Kidney Trouble Often Fails to Be Regarded as Catarrh by Physicians.

Catarrh of the kidneys is very common indeed. It is a pity this fact is not better known to the physicians as well as the people.

People have kidney disease. They take some diuretic, hoping to get better. They never think of catarrh. Kidney disease and catarrh are seldom associated in the minds of the people, and also, it is not very generally known that the disease of physicians. Two few physicians recognize catarrh of the kidneys. They doctor for something else.

Peruna strikes at the very center of the difficulty, by eradicating the catarrh from the kidneys. Catarrh is the cause of kidney disease. Remove the cause, and you remove the effect. With increasing accuracy, Peruna cures the kidneys with perfect regularity.

Thousands of testimonials from people who have had kidney disease, which had gone beyond the control of the physician, are received by Dr. Hartman every year, giving Peruna the whole praise for its various cures.

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NEGRO WAITERS BATTLE ON BOAT

Sixty Passengers, Many of Them Women, Stampeded From Dining Table on Steamer Peters Lee.

SIXTY passengers, many of them women, were unwilling witnesses of a battle between Edward Carpenter and Arthur Brown, waiter, in the cabin of the steamer Peters Lee, at the foot of Olive street, yesterday morning.

The negroes are employed in the stewards' cabin and for some time, it is said, have been enemies.

Brown was taken to the City Hospital. His injuries consist of several cuts on the right side of the face and a deep gash in the back.

Carpenter was caught by Special Officer Smith and taken to the police station. He was held for some time, but was released by the police.

The Peters Lee was preparing to start for Memphis when the fight broke out.

Full Opening of the China Store To-day, Simmons Hardware Company.

TO HONOR JAPANESE EMPEROR

Will Observe Anniversary of His Birth With Banquet.

The fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Emperor of Japan, will be observed by the Japanese community in St. Louis, in a banquet on the night of November 3. Some idea of the magnitude of the affair can be gained from the fact that thirty-five players will be laid out for the occasion.

President Francis and other World's Fair officials will be the honored guests. The banquet is comparatively a young man, and is being given by the Japanese community in St. Louis.